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SUBJECT - - 3/CATRIBE/OPERATIONAL - UTILITY LETTER TO

CONCERNING PROJECTED DER SPIEGEL ARTICLE

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RE CATRIBE

ACTION - SEE PARA 12

REFS - NONE

MORNING 9 NOVEMBER C J IN MUNICH PASSED JETTER FROM WILLTY TO C I. ENCLOSING VOLUMINOUS DRAFT / PAGE PROOF FORM. ESTIMATED 45.000 WORDS/ OF ARTICLE SERIES WHICH DER SPIEGEL PLANS PUBLISH STARTING IN LATE NOVEMBER 70. ۲. J STATES UTILITY ASKED HIM TO PASS LETTER AND DRAFT TO J VIA F J. LEAVING LETTER UNSEALED AND INTIMATING THAT IT WAS EXPECTED THAT I WOULD READ BOTH LETTER AND DRAFT. INFO BELOW BASED ON L INTRA MESSAGE TO SCOS.

2. UTILITY LETTER STATES THAT DRAFT WAS DIFFICULT TO
PROCURE, REPRESENTS SECOND DRAFT, WHICH UNLIKE FIRST, PAINTS
UTILITY IN RELATIVELY FAVORABLE COLORS AND MAY RAISE SUSPICION
UTILITY IS ITS MAIN SOURCE. [ ] REMARKED THAT INDEED SEVERAL
CHAPTERS OF DRAFT LOOK AS THOUGH THEY COULD HAVE BEEN LIFTED
FROM CATRIES HISTORY ON WHICH UTILITY HAS BEEN WORKING. UTILITY
COMMENTED TO [ ] THAT HE SUSPECTED HE WOULD BE CITED BY SOME
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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCESMETHODSEXEMPTION 3B2B NAZIWAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT SECRET/RYDAT EGNA-41690 /PAGE 2/
AS HAVING BEEN A SOURCE OF ARTICLE CONTENT, HE NEITHER CONFIRMED
NOR DENIED THAT THIS WAS THE CASE.

JECAUSE 'OUR RELATIONS ARE VERY RESERVED'. FYI FROM

SEVERAL SOURCES 

HEARD THAT UTILITY RETAINER WILL BE

TERMINATED BY CATRIBE AS OF END 70.

- 4. LETTER ALLEGES THAT PROVIDED INSPIRATION FOR DER
  SPIEGEL SERIES, THAT CATRIES DEPUTY DIRECTOR / PROTEGE/,
  WHO HAS CLOSE CONTACT WITH DER SPIEGEL / PRESUMABLY FROM HIS
  SERVICE IN HAMBURG/ CAN BE ASSUMED TO HAVE PROVIDED CHANNEL FOR
  MOST OF MATERIAL IN ARTICLE SERIES, AND SPECULATES THAT "OTHER
  SIDE" / PRESUMABLY SOVIET UNION/ MAY BE INVOLVED.
- DENIGRATE [ ] IN ORDER TO CLEAR WAY FOR NAMING AS CATRIBE CHIEF [ ] / KNOWN AS A [ ] PROTEGE/ OR ANOTHER MAN POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE TO [ ] PARTY, TO SCARE OFF CATRIBE SOURCES, TO INFLICT DAMAGE ON CATRIBE RELATIONS WITH WESTERN ALLIES, "ALREADY IMPAIRED" / NOT FURTHER CLARIFIED, STATION DOES NOT KNOW TO WHAT UTILITY SPECIFICALLY REFERS/, POSSIBLY TO PREPARE WAY FOR CHANGE OF MHBRUSH POLITICAL/INTELLIGENCE ORIENTATION FROM WEST TO EAST.
- ARE IN PREPARATION TO PREVENT APPEARANCE OF SERIES, BUT THAT IF THEY FAIL, IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE TO CONSIDER LINLUTE DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION WITH [ ], HOWEVER, IS SUCH STEP CONSIDERED, UTILITY ASKS THAT HE BE PROTECTED A SOURCE OF INFO REARTICLE SERIES IN ANY ACTION WHICH JILAN NIGHT DECIDE TO TAKE RE MATTER.
- 7. UTILITY COMMENTED TO C DIHAT HE WAS NOT PLEASED

  THAT ARTICLE SERIES HAD CHOSEN TO DISCUSS, NOT ALWAYS ACCURATELY,

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NUMBER OF SENSITIVE INTELLIGENCE TOPICS. NOTABLY IN "TECHNICAL"
/COMINT/ELINT/SECTOR.

- 8. INITIAL QUICK PERUSAL OF DRAFT BY \_\_\_\_\_ BASE INDICATES
  KEY THEME CONCERNS RECENT CHANGES IN CATRIBE, EXPLAINING THAT
  THEY UNDERTAKEN BECAUSE MHBRUSH HIERARCHY LACKED CONFIDENCE IN
  CATRIBE ABILITY AND BECAUSE OF CATRIBE RECORD OF MEDDLING IN
  INTERNAL MHBRUSH AFFAIRS. ONLY PASSING MENTION OF JKLANCE
  NOTED, AND THIS PRIMARILY IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT. ONLY NAME OF
  PAST OR PRESENT JKLANCE STAFFER NOTED WAS THAT OF ASCHAM.

  HAS COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE A LAND MINE
  OR TWO IN DISCUSSION OF PARTICULAR OPERATIONS, ON A WHOLE
  THE DRAFT WOULD NOT APPEAR TO PRESENT SIGNIFICANT SECURITY OR
  EMBARRASSMENT POTENTIAL AS FAR AS JKLANCE IS CONCERNED.
- PRINCIPAL PROBLEM AREAS GENERATED BY PASSAGE OF DRAFT TO JKLANCE ARE THOSE CONCERNING IKLANCE/STATION RELATIONSHIP - AND JKLANCE/COS RELATIONSHIP WITH C WOULD SEEM THAT UTILITY. MORE THAN EVER EMBITTERED AGAINST QKELUSION, DISAPPOINTED THAT HE HAS BEEN RELEGATED TO OBSCURITY. AND RETAINING HIS PROCLIVITY FOR MEDDLING IN INTERNAL POLITICS, IS TRYING TO USE UKLANCE AS STALKING HORSE FOR ACTION AGAINST HIS ENEMIES. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT OTHER FACTORS OF PAT-RIOTISM, FRIENDLINESS TOWARDS JKLANCE AND NOSTALGIA FOR THE GOOD OLD DAYS DO NOT ALSO ENTER INTO SITUATION. BUT RATHER TO NOTE THE FACTORS WHICH ARE SIGNIFICANT TO JKLANCE AND STATION IN SAFEGUARDING OUR OWN INTERESTS, VIS-A-VIS MHBRUSH GOVT AND CURRENT CATRIBE MANAGEMENT. BOTH C . AND COS CONSIDER THAT ANY LNLUTE INTERVENTION WITH - - EITHER DIRECTLY BY COS OR INDIRECTLY VIA AMBASSADOR OR DCM, IS NOT ADVISABLE. SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PROPOSED ACTION TO BE TAKEN EITHER BY HQS OR STATION MUST AWAIT PERUSAL OF DRAFT BY KEYWAY HQS SECRET/RY /PAGE 3/ EGNA-41690

AND STATION HQS. AT THIS POINT IN TIME IT APPEARS THAT MOST SUITABLE ACTION MIGHT BE TO HAVE DRAFT RETURNED TO UTILITY, ACCOMPANIED BY LETTER FROM 

THOUGHT FULNESS AND /WITH 

COMMENTING INFORMALLY NOT OFFICIALLY/ INDICATES THAT IT IS 

THAT CURRENT JKLANCE MANAGEMENT JUDGES THAT IT WOULD NOT BE

CORRECT' TO CONSIDER ANY INTERVENTION WITH ANYONE UNTIL THE MATTER IS SURFACED TO 

BY UTILITY AND 

THAS ASKED FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE. WISH EMPHASIZE THAT ABOVE ARE PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS, SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS SITUATION IS ANALYZED FURTHER.

TO HIS LETTER, IT IS CLEAR, GIVEN TENTATIVE LATE NOVEMBER 70

PUBLICATION DATE, THAT HE WOULD EXPECT SOME RESPONSE IN NEAR

FUTURE. THUS IF LETTER REPLY FROM TO LAST WEEK OF NOVEMBER, WHICH APPEARS LIKELY, THEN IT

MIGHT BE ADVISABLE TO PASS CRAL REPLY VIA TO STATION JUDGES

THAT IT IS INADVISABLE TO USE DIRECT TO JUTILITY CONTACT

TO PASS MESSAGE, IN ORDER THAT TO AND STATION AS A WHOLE,

MAY STAND CLEAR OF ANY OFFICIAL ROLE IN THIS MATTER. NOTE THAT

ALL FORMAL TIES OF TO THAT TO THAS MET UTILITY/INTRODUCTION

EY TO AND THATLOSS HAS NOT MET UTILITY.

11. I D POUCHING COPY OF LETTER AND DRAFT ARTICLE SERIES.

12. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REACTION RE THIS MATTER.

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